



Docket No. K20606 US (C038435/0173527)

**REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116**

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans-Peter HOHMANN *et al.*) Examiner: Chih Min Kam
Serial No.: 10/681,086) Art Unit: 1656
Filed: October 8, 2003)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A**)
TARGET FERMENTATION)
PRODUCT)

New York, New York
February 26, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February